

handsomeſt was a very delicate task, and which I ſhould not have wiſhed to undertake. Many were deſirous of crowning Elmina, but ſhe was too moſt beautiful, and ſhe fa- that many of her companions were lovely : for ſhe felt jealousy at the beauty of others. “ My friends, ſa- ſhe to them, “ an idea came into my head, by which “ we may fix our choice. L

“ each of us gather a favourite flower, and place it in our hats ; we will then throw flowers into the air, and the maiden whoſe flower ſhould go higheſt, ſhe ſhall be the beauty of the ring.” They all approved of the plan, and they diſperſed to gather their flowers.

Among the companions of Elmina was a young Princeſs called Malinette, who was very miſchievous and very proud.

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